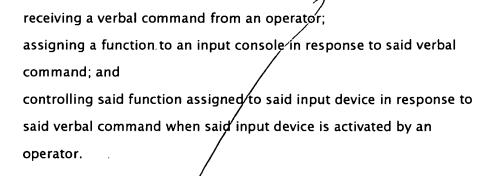
## Claims

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[c1]	A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system
	including:
	a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;
	a system control and voice recognition processor receiving said verbal
	command from said microphone and assigning a function to an input
$\sim$	console in response to said verbal command; and
$N_{2}$	an input console controlling said function assigned to said input
\	console when activated by said operator.
[c2]	The system of claim $1$ further including a medical imaging acquisition and
	display system for displaying medical images.
[c3]	The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and voice recognition
	processor is programmed to recognize a verbal command as a
	predetermined verbal command.
[c4]	The system of claim $1$ wherein said system control and voice recognition
	processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.
[c5]	The system of claim 1 wherein said input console is a foot-input console.
[c6]	The system of claim 1 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic
	medical imaging device.
[c7]	A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system
	including:
•	a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;
	a system control and voice recognition processor receiving said verbal
	command and assigning a function to an input console in response to
	said verbal command;
	an input device initiating said function assigned to said input device

when activated by said operator; and

a display for displaying the function assigned to said input device.

[c8]	The system of claim 7 wherein said display displays medical images.
[c9]	The system of claim 7 wherein said system control and voice recognition
	processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined verbal command.
[c10]	The system of claim 7 wherein said system control and voice recognition
	processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.
[c11]	The system of claim 7 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.
[c12]	The system of claim 7 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic
	medical imaging device.
[c13]	A system for assigning a function of a medical device to an input device, said
	system including: /
	a system control and voice recognition processor receiving a verbal
	command from an operator and assigning a function to an input device in
	response to said verbal command.
[c14]	The system $\phi$ f claim 13 further including a microphone for receiving said
	verbal command from said operator.
[c15]	The system of claim $\frac{13}{13}$ further including a medical imaging acquisition and
	display system for displaying medical images.
[c16]	The system of claim 13 wherein said system control and voice recognition
	processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined verbal command.
[c17]	The system of claim 13 wherein said system control and voice recognition
	processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.
[c18]	The system of claim 13 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.
[c19]	The system of claim 13 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic
	medical imaging device.
[c20]	A method for controlling a function of a medical device, said method
	including the steps of:





- [c21] The method of claim 20 wherein said verbal command is received by said operator by a microphone.
- [c22] The method of claim 20 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.
- [c23] A method for assigning a function of a medical device to an input device, said method including the steps of:

receiving a verbal command for assigning a function; receiving an additional verbal command for assigning an input device; assigning said function to said input device in response to said verbal commands; and controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to said verbal commands when said input device is activated by an

[c24] The method of claim 23 wherein said verbal command is received by said operator by a microphone.

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[c25] The nethod of claim 23 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.